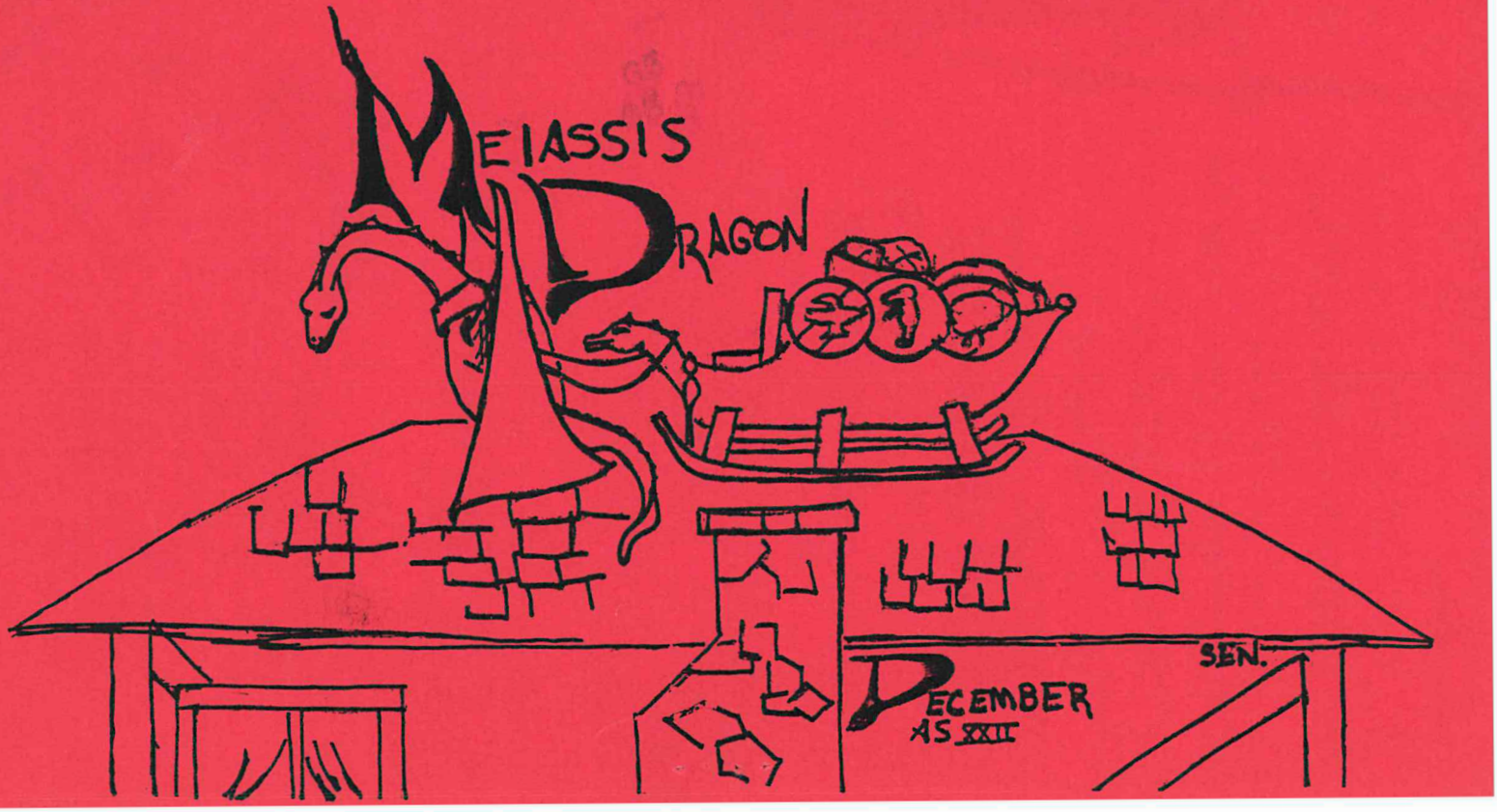
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ANYONE FINDING A PAIR OF GLASSES AT THE BOY SCOUT DEMO, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO MABLUTH (map Lludd) AT FIGHTER PRACTICE OR THE BUSINESS MEETING.

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Thanks to all who provided articles for a picture session for the Colorado Springs Economic Council. They appreciated it.

Thanks also to ALL who helped at Viking Vintr Vunderlandt 3. You kept the main autocrat sane.

Barbarian Revel

The infinitely barbaric Evan Mawr and Captain Morgan (who looks suspiciously like that milk-toast Lady Genevieve*) are holding a Barbarian Revel at the recently invaded hall of the absent Master Evan. (similar name-no relation) If you fancy yourself to be tough enough to bear an evening of <u>real</u> carousing, come prove it the two masters of barbaric custom. Wear durable clothes (leather or fur are always good bets), carry a weapon and try your skills at butchness. December 4. 7pm to exhaustion. More details to follow as plots become more complex and civilization declines.

*try 442-6416
+ask a lot of QUESTIONS!

PHONE DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Change Robin Craven to
Robin Widmar

Martin Emmons prefix is
really 528 NOT 598.

(Any more? -- call Selene)

Caerthian Twelfth Night Has Feast of Hogemany Theme

The House of the Sea Star is honored to announce that they will be hosting this year's Twelfth Night for the Barony of Caerthe and invite one and all to join them at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on the 2nd of January 1988.

Instead of celebrating the BEGINNING of the new year (as the English do), we will be celebrating the END of the old year (as the Scottish do).

This year's theme will be a FEAST OF HOGMANAY, the name given in Scotland (and some parts of the north of England) to the last day of the year. It is also called "Cake Day" because of the traditional gift of an oatmeal cake to children.

The menu and schedule have not been finalized and will be announced in detail in next month's newsletter.

There will be the usual contests of costume and table, both Scottish and non, details to follow.

Anyone interested in entertaining, please contact Lady Kyriel at 303-530-1037.

Anyone interested in serving (servers get in for 1/2 price), please contact Lord Iric at 303-499-2479.

If you have any banners or other hall decorations, please contact Lady Jhana at 303-366-2178.

For crash space (if you have it/if you need it), please contact Mistress Bernice (alice McCuskey) at 303-233-9558.

For general, and/or kitchen, cleanup volunteers (ask about our volunteers discount plan), contact Sir Michael the Strange (Hal Hildebrand) at 303-442-0959.

Questions, suggestion and OFFERS OF HELP should be directed to one of the following (area code for all is 303):

FEAST: Lord Alan (Alan Stewart) 399-2971

SERVERS: Lord Iric (Rick Bienewski) 449-2479

CLEANUP CREWS: Sir Michael (Hal Hildebrand) 442-0959

ENTERTAINMENT: Lady Kyriel (Ricky Weiser) 530-1037

RESERVATIONS: Mondragon (Frank Holland) 733-8103

CHILDREN'S CARE: Lady Jhana (Jan Copeland) 366-2178

CRASH SPACE: Mistress Bernice (Alice McCoskey) 233-9558

DECORATING: Lady Jhana (see above)

MAIN AUTOCRAT: Sir Theodric (Ted Peak) 322-3898

HOGMANAY

There will be a Children's Area and Feast Table for children 10 and under. Care will be provided during Court and Feast. At other times, children will be the responsibility of their parents and will be expected to be under the supervision of their parents.

Reservations for child supervision and feast as 1/2 price.

RESERVATIONS for seating in the main Feast Hall (adult or child):

Now until 11/15/87 $12

11/16/87 til 12/15/87 $15

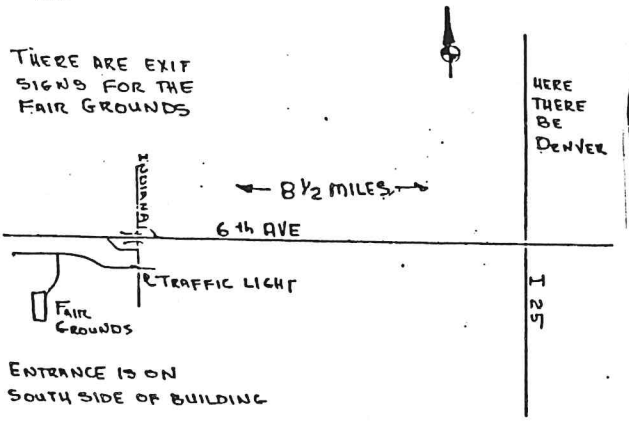
12/16/87 til 1/2/88 by special arrangement ONLY

Reservations will be accepted with full payment ONLY. There will be NO feast reservations available at the door.

Checks should be made out to SCA-CAERTHE and sent to Frank Holland, 1423 S. Pearl St, Denver CO 80210.

We will reserve tables for any group of eight or more, when the paid reservations for the entire group have been received. Please try to send them together.

For those who will not be attending the feast, there will be a site fee of $3.


THERE ARE EXIT SIGNS FOR THE FAIR GROUNDS
HERE THERE BE DENVER
8 1/2 MILES
6th AVE
TRAFFIC LIGHT
Fair Grounds
ENTRANCE IS ON SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING

Barony Dragonsspine' s

Candlemas Feast and Revel

Barony Dragonsspine will again be hosting Candlemas on January 30, 1988 at the Black Forest Community Church. The site will open at 4:00 p.m. for set-up. Opening court is scheduled for 5:00 and the first course will be served at 5:30. In the spirit of Candlemas, please bring your candles to help light the hall. The site is wet but the church requests wine only, please.

Site and Feast Fees

			After January 15th, 1988	
	Site	Feast	Site	Feast
Adults	$2.00	$7.50	$2.00	$10.00
Children (6 - 12)	$1.00	$3.75	$1.00	$5.00
Under 6	free	free		

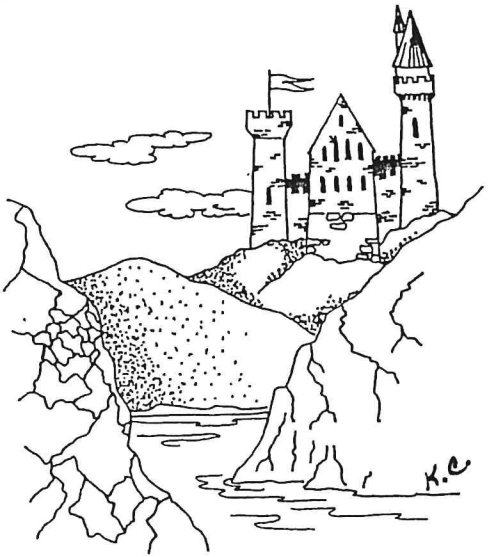
Milady Brilliana will be the feastocrat. Lord Harold Thredar is overall Autocrat. Checks made payable to S.C.A. - Barony Dragonsspine should be mailed to the Autocrat at the address below.

There will be dancing. There will be a "poison pie". There will be an auction. (Sorry, I am unable to guarantee that there will be another champagne mink stole although we expect more fur pieces. In my insanity, there will be a female Tudor gown which will be altered to fit the buyer - unless the buyer is Sir Michael the Strange - I do have some principles.) Anyone wishing to contribute items for the auction please contact the Autocrat or the Barony Seneschal. I have room for two or three merchant's tables (first come first served). I am seeking bards for between-course entertainment. They will feast at half price (if they sign-up before January 15th). I am seeking servers. They too will feast at half price (if they sign-up before January 15th).

Lord Harold Thredar

c/o Les Jacobson
3841 Fetlock Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80918
(303) 598-7499 (no calls after 9:00 p.m.)

4TH ESTRELLA WAR IN FEBRUARY



Between Feb. 12 and 15, AS XXII, Estrella Mountain Park in Phoenix AZ, will be transformed into a medieval city as the forces of Atenveldt and Caid and assorted mercenaries battle once again for the grandest war west of the Great River. This war promises to be best yet, offering excellent fighting, superb arts and crafts, and fun for all. In addition to the tavern, you will find a general store on site and an expanded merchants' area. Showers will be available, and sanitary facilities have been greatly increased for this event.

While the rest of the Known World lies locked in the ice and snow of winter, Atenveldt will offers sunny days and cool nights. Baronies and households which paln to use a large camp area are requested to reserve space as soon as possible. Please send an SASE for reservation information. Plan now for Estrella War IV.

The dates: February 12 through 15, 1988 (AS XXII)

The place: Estrella Mountain Park

The events: Fighting, arts competition, archery competition, chess tournament with first prize a custom made Jaeger long sword, many other competitions, quests, bardic circles and grand courts.

Main Autocrat: Duchess Daphne, c/o Daphne Altree, 602-277-5117.

All Correspondence: c/o 4333 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85013

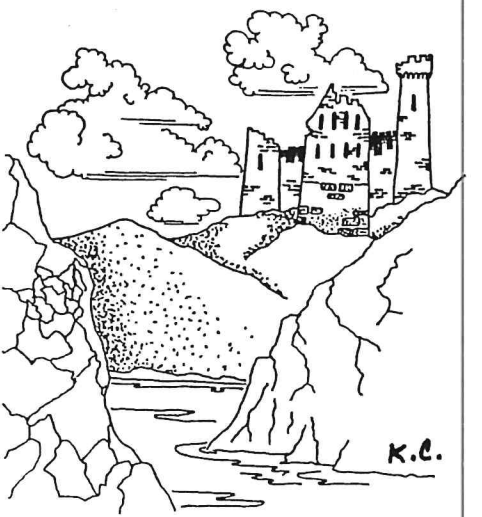
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Advance fee (members) adults $12.50, children under 10 $7.

The prize for the chess tournament, a custom long sword has been graciously donated by Jaeger Knives, 602-849-8605.

MERCHANTS

Applications are now being accepted for merchants booths for Estrella War IV. Get your application early for the choicest spots on Merchants' Row. Send now for your information pack for merchants. Please include a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to speed your information packet. All reservations will be based on the postmark date.



Midwinter XIV
A Knight in al-Barran
Starring

Duchess Leah & Duke Koris--Primary ƒ♀♂ƒ autocrats
Countess AElflaed--Entertainment coordinator
Countess Tara--Set decorator
Lady Merlina--Service coordinator
Lady Merling--Titles
Lady Rebecca--Choreography
Lady Geyla--Accommodations
And a cast of at least twenty-five!

The Barony of al-Barran's 14th annual Midwinter celebration will take place on December 19 at the Plumber & Steamfitters Local #412 hall, 510 San Pedro S.E. Judging for the next round of competition in the baronial Arts & Sciences Competition will take place. See Diana von Falkenstein (268-2965) for information about this. We welcome your talents. Please contact Countess AElflaed (299-2476) if you would like to present an entertainment for us. We will be dancing a selection of a few currently popular dances and a few new ones--about 5 in all. A program will be forthcoming and will be available from Lady Rebecca of Lancaster. An approximate schedule of activities--except for opening, closing and serving times, these are subject to change due to circumstance:

1:00 Hall opens to public
2:00 Judging for various phases of the baronial Arts & Sciences Competition
Practice for evening's dancing
6:00 Grand March
Opening Court
7:30 Banquet served
8:00 Scheduled entertainment
9:00 Dancing
Carolling
Gratuitous fun
11:00 Closing Court
12:00 Hall closes--clean up
1:00 Post-revelling for die-hards (Maybe)

Anyone still in the hall at Midnight will be subject to conscription.

There will be a Grand March (also frequently called a "processional") to honor their Excellencies and to help us get to know one another. This is an old-fashioned, formal presentation, so allow some time and be prepared to cooperate with the heralds, who will be severely overworked at this point. It might help, also, if you could have a list of your (official only) awards with you. Please contact Lady Saerlaith (266-1632) if you wish to be presented.

Please bring your banners, tablecloths and your grandest table settings. The menu so far:

White and yellow cheeses — Sausage
Rolls — Fruit bits and olives
Herbed and/or honeyed butter — Eggs
Rouladin, noodles, baked apples with cheese
Golabki, cabbage salad
Herbed chicken, vegetables vinaigrette
Raspberry tarts and/or almond cookies, nuts, pear slices
Beverage
Not necessarily in order of presentation.
There will be more if our budget and our imaginations allow.

The feast will be conducted by reservation only--reservations are not confirmed until paid. ALL reservation payments MUST be given to our treasurer, Mariah-Lyn. Reservations are not firm until she has your payment. A name is required for each reservation (no "... and party" reservations will be accepted), to avoid duplication. We encourage households and friends to sit together; therefore, tables can be reserved for parties of 8 or more upon request. If you require spare garb or equipment, please contact Jin before the event. We request that the borrowed items be returned before the end of the weekend and, of course, the more notice we can get, the better. The hospitaler will require a ransomable item for

deposit. Schedule of monetary concerns:

Site Fee: $2.50
Feast + Site Fee: $10.00
5.00 children 5-10 years of age
0.00 children under 5 years of age
After December 5, add $5.00

Due to site and common sense restrictions, there will be NO SMOKING allowed inside the hall at any time. Also we request that something (preferably decorative) be put under all candles to catch the drips.

Lady Saerlaith will have a table at the registration point at which you are encouraged to check the information regarding your titles and awards if you plan to be presented in the March. Also, information regarding any announcements or other business you may have before Court should be dropped off there--all such business will close 1/2 hour before Court so that the March may be ordered and the agenda may be assembled.

Contact people:

General Information/Volunteering
Duchess Leah Kasmira, of Natterhelm
Duke Koris Natterhelm
c/o Mark/Flo Plecki
617 Alvarado SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
265-9806

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c/o Lynn Nibli k
144 Vineyard NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
345-3793

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Countess AElflaed of Duckford
c/o Sandra Dodd
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Albuquerque, NM 87110
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Accommodation Information
Lady Geyla of the Dragons
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Dancing
Lady Rebecca of Lancaster
c/o Rebecca Gore
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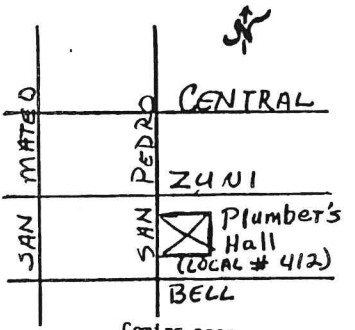
Albuquerque, NM 87102
242-8716

Spare Garb/Feast Kits
Jin
c/o P. Racicot
Star Rt. 327-D
Tijeras, NM 87059.
281-1604

Warning: the Albuquerque Sunport is a shambles due to renovation in progress.

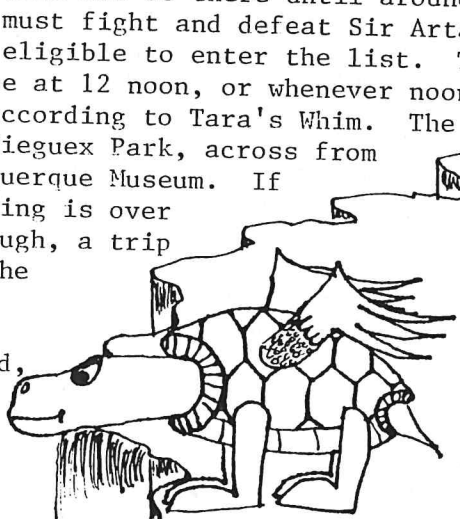


Coming soon

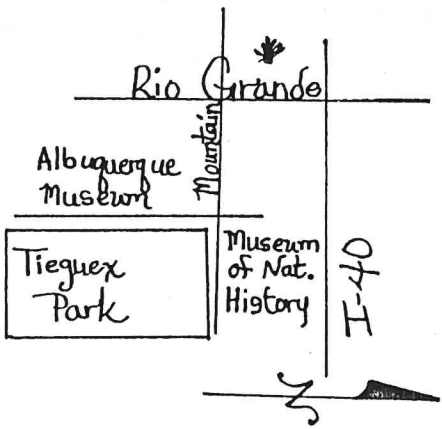
Courtesy of Natterhelm Productions

Tara's Whim Tourney

Due to the overwhelming popularity of last years tourney, Tara's Whim will again be the day after Midwinter (in al-Barran)!! As last year, be prepared for odd rounds, wierd weapons, and plenty of jogging and skipping!! A note to all fighters planning to enter-- you must be a currently paid member, be an authorized fighter, and carry a favor. The site will be open as early as you want to be there, but Tara will not be there until around 11 a.m. Fighters must fight and defeat Sir Artan before they are eligible to enter the list. The list will close at 12 noon, or whenever noon occurs, according to Tara's Whim. The site is Tieguex Park, across from the Albuquerque Museum. If the fighting is over early enough, a trip through the museum is strongly encouraged, as it has an entire armor display. The prize will be announced next month, but rest assured it will be worth fighting for. There is no site fee, but please be prepared for inclement weather, as the tourney will go on no matter what the weather, within reason!!



For Further Info:
Tara
%Karen M. House
1604 Cardenas, NE
Albuquerque, N.M. 87110
505-268-5736



REGULARITIES

-For phone numbers, see page 1-

Officer's Council meets on the first Wesnesday of each month at Thredar Manor at 7:30 p.m. Phone Lord Harold for directions. Meetings are open to all. Dress is mundane.

Fighter Practice occurs every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Mitchell High School. Given sufficient interest, Baron Eric will conduct dancing class concurrently. There is a site fee of $1.00 per fighter and $0.50 per non-fighter. Phone Baron Olaf or the Knight Marshall for further information.

***IMPORTANT RUMOR --- FIGHTER PRACTICE MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR MOVED FOR THE EVENINGS OF OCTOBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 2 DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AT THE SCHOOL. CALL THE BARON OR THE KNIGHT MARSHALL FOR INFORMATION. ***

Baronial Gather happens at the home of Baron Eric adn Baroness Miranda on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Phone them for directions. Dress is either garb or mundanes, as you will. Any subject is fair game. Newcomers are welcome. Heraldry workshops will be conducted given sufficient advance notice of interest.

Armouring Workshops are conducted every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. by Duke Albert. Phone for information or directions at 597-5259.

Costume Workshops are conducted by appointment only by Lord Harold Thredar and others. Contact Lord Harold or Baron Eric for further information.

IRREGULARITIES

The following guilds meet irregularly, whenever sufficient interest is shown. Contact Baron Eric if you have interest.

CALLIGRAPHY	COOKING	WEAPON MAKING	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
ILLUMINATION	HERBALISM	STAINED GLASS	BELLY DANCING
WEAVING	VINTNING	HERALDRY	COURT DANCING
SPINNING	BREWING	COSTUMING	FOLK DANCING

NEWCOMERS are welcome at all Barony Dragonsspine events. There is never an increase in site or feast fees for newcomers. Sponsors are responsible for appropriate garb except at events which are explicitly for newcomers.

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c/o Penny Tegen
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